



CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

State of Wisconsin

DATE: January 26, 2017

TO: Land Conservation Departments (LCDs) and Land Conservation Committees (LCCs)

FROM: Richard Castelnovo, DATCP Chief
Resource Management & Engineering Section

Mary Anne Lowndes, DNR Chief
Runoff Management Section

SUBJECT: Joint DATCP/DNR Grant Application Instructions for Calendar Year 2018

Grants From DATCP (Authorized by s. 92.14, Stats, with funding source listed after each grant)

1. **County Annual Staff and Support Grants** (SEG from s. 20.115(7) (qe), Stats. and GPR from s. 20.115(7) (c), Stats.)
2. **County Landowner Cost-Share Grants for LWRM Plan Implementation** (Bond Revenue from s. 20.866(2)(we), Stats.)
3. **County Landowner Cost-Share Grants for Nutrient Management Plans** (SEG from s. 20.115(7) (qf), Stats.)
4. **Statewide Project Cooperator Grants** (SEG from s. 20.115(7) (qf), Stats.)
 - Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE)
 - Statewide Support Activities
 - General project for activities such as the Standards Oversight Council

Grants From DNR

1. **Cost-Sharing for Targeted Runoff Management (TRM)** projects (s. 281.65, Stats.)
2. **Cost-Sharing for Urban Nonpoint Source and Storm Water Management Planning (UNPS & SW)** projects (s. 281.66, Stats.)

Note: The joint grant application cannot be used to request certain grants such as DATCP-funded NMFE grants and DNR-funded TRM and UNPS & SW projects, and a separate application must be submitted.

NOTICE: This application is not a commitment by DATCP or DNR to provide specific funding in any grant category. The 2017-2019 biennial budget will determine the extent of funding available for the annual allocation and the manner in which grants may be awarded. Required lapses or reductions may lower available funding.

The deadline for all joint DATCP/DNR application materials is April 17, 2017.

Please email an *Electronically Signed* Excel Spreadsheet to datcpswrm@wisconsin.gov by no later than **April 17, 2017**:

Note: A scanned PDF of the signed application is not required.

For questions about the DATCP application, contact **Kim Carlson** at 608-224-4610,

Kim.Carlson@wisconsin.gov

Susan Mockert at 608-224-4648,

Susan.Mockert@wisconsin.gov

Please return your completed **DNR** TRM and UNPS (from DNR web site) grant application materials by **April 17, 2017** to:

Ann Hirekatur,
DNR, WT/3
101 S. Webster St.
Madison, WI 53703

For questions about DNR applications, please contact Ann Hirekatur at (608) 266-0156,
Ann.Hirekatur@wisconsin.gov

Grant Application Instructions

All DATCP grant application materials are available on the web at
https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SWRMGrantProgramWorkingManual.aspx
(Hold down the CTRL key and click on the web address)

First Box on the Application – Insert your county name on the first line. After completing the application, have your LCC Chair or other Authorized County Representative electronically sign the application by typing his or her name in the space provided for a signature, inserting that person's title and the date. Contact DATCP for guidance if the county cannot sign the document electronically.

SECTION I. STAFFING/PLANNING GRANTS

1. & 2. DATCP Staff and Support Grants

A. Overview

Counties will receive a minimum grant award of \$75,000 under Tier 1, and may qualify for additional funding under Tier 2 for eligible positions.

- 1) Through Tier 2, DATCP will attempt to provide counties with funding at the rate of 100%, 70% and 50% to pay for three staff positions based on actual costs for those positions, subject to the eligibility requirements for the first position described on page 3. Based on recent allocations, DATCP anticipates that it will fund fewer than three positions, and will need to prorate awards.
- 2) Counties may seek reimbursement for (i) county staff and LTEs who perform soil and water conservation work at the rates provided in s. 92.14, Stats., subject to match requirements, and (ii) 100% of eligible training and support costs up to 10% of a county's annual grant allocation.
- 3) In addition to the support costs identified in s. ATCP 50.32(4), DATCP identifies the following as support costs for which all counties may seek reimbursement:
 - a. If a county requires a cost-share practice for a landowner who may qualify for economic hardship treatment under s. ATCP 50.42(4), a county may seek reimbursement for the costs related to an eligibility determination, including the ***costs of a certified public accountant or accredited financial institution preparing a financial statement***.
 - b. If an ***archaeological or cultural resource assessment*** or ***endangered species assessment*** is required at a cost-share project site, then a county may seek reimbursement of the full cost under the category of support cost. (As an alternative, counties may recover these costs as part of cost-share reimbursement at the 70 or 90 percent rate).

B. Additional guidance for Tier II grant awards: Completing Table 1

- 1) Identify all employees and contractors (including part-time staff) who performed soil and water resource management activities under the direction of LCC in 2016.
- 2) Arrange the positions in descending order (very important), starting with the first position for which you are requesting 100% funding and the second position for which 70% funding is requested.
- 3) **Special rules for seeking grants to cover the costs of first and second positions**
 - a. The person claimed as a first position meets the eligibility requirements on page 3.

Tier II Grant Eligibility

To be claimed as a first position, a staff person must be a department head, technician or engineer, and must spend 95% or more of his or her time on “qualifying conservation activities.” The following conservation activities are considered qualifying:

1. Providing technical assistance to farmers and landowners regarding soil and water management.
2. Designing and installing conservation practices.
3. Implementing NR 151 performance standards.
4. Monitoring and securing conservation compliance for the Farmland Preservation Program.
5. Administering livestock and manure management ordinances including permit approvals.
6. Implementing construction site and storm water management.
7. Carrying out soil and water management components (e.g. reclamation plans for non-metallic mines) in connection with other permitting.
8. Entering into and monitoring CREP agreements and easements.
9. Conducting tree and seed sales only if it supports specific conservation purpose.
10. Preparing strategic and work plans related to soil and water resource management activities.

Managers who supervise staff performing the 10 activities listed above may count this supervisory work as a qualifying activity. Also managers may count policy development, program management, or budget decisions as a qualifying activity as long as these management actions involve the bulleted activities. To be claimed as a first position, a technician or engineer must maintain the appropriate credentials including engineering practitioner certification to perform technical functions involving conservation.

The following are not “qualifying conservation activities” for the purposes of seeking 100 percent funding for the first position, even though they may be included by a county in its DATCP-approved LWRM plan:

1. Performing park maintenance and operational activities, including mowing or other grounds activities, and repair of park structures and buildings.
2. Performing zoning activities including those related to onsite property inspections, required lot line and other setbacks, septic system inspection, and parcel subdivision, and permitting unrelated soil and water management (e.g. non-metallic mining except for reclamation plans, conditional use permits for rural residences).
3. Processing wildlife damage claims.
4. Conducting outreach and education activities related to aquatic and terrestrial invasive species. (NOTE: DATCP will provide reimbursement for activities such as invasive species outreach and education as long as these are consistent with priorities in a county’s land and water resource management plan.)
5. Implementing or managing land records and information unrelated to conservation, recycling, Clean Sweep, or other county programs that receive, or are eligible for support from state and local sources other than the DATCP and DNR allocations for soil and water resource management.

Managers who supervise staff performing the five activities listed above are likewise ineligible to claim their supervisory work as a qualifying activity. Likewise managers may not count policy development, program management, or budget decisions as qualifying work if these management actions fall within the areas identified by the bulleted points.

If a county has one or more staff persons ineligible for funding as a first position, the county may claim the person as a second position funded by DATCP at a maximum of 70 percent. While the second position has no requirement related to full time conservation work, the county will need to reduce the eligible salary and fringe benefits for the position by the percentage of the time spent on non-conservation activities.

DATCP may request that counties make available additional documentation to substantiate a position’s eligibility.

- b. *Vacant Position.* You cannot list the salary and benefits of an employee if that person retired or left employment during 2016. If the employee's position was re-filled in 2016 or will be re-filled in 2017, you should select from either of the two options listed in c. and d. below.
- c. *Positions not yet hired.* If you are requesting funding to fill a first or second position that is vacant, you must include the expected fill date, list the expected salary and benefits in Columns C and D, and be prepared to provide appropriate documentation, which may include a commitment to hire the position in 2017 (e.g. county approval to hire) and proof that the position was in fact hired, including salary and fringe benefits to be paid. DATCP may disallow a funding request if the required information is not provided.
- d. *Positions employed for part of 2016 or 2017.* For a first or second position filled only part of the year in 2016 or 2017, you may project the position's salary and benefits as if that person was employed for a full year (only if the position is working full time), and list these values in Columns C and D. You also must provide an explanation of how you calculated the projected salaries and benefits in the space provided at the bottom of the Table 1.
- 4) After inserting the county name in Table 1, complete the following for each position (FTE, LTE or IC) hired by the county to perform soil and water resource management activities (abbreviated as conservation) work in 2016:
- COLUMN A:** From the list of titles on the bottom of the page, please select the position description that best describes each position listed, inserting the corresponding letter A-E.
- COLUMN B:** Using the drop down menu, identify the status of each position from the following selections: full time permanent employee-FTE, limited term employee-LTE, or independent contractor-IC. Include the fill date for any vacant or newly hired position hired during or after 2016. County staff positions vacant for more than one year cannot be included.
- COLUMN C:** Provide the salary or fee for each position listed based on actual costs incurred in 2016, unless the position is vacant or new.
- COLUMN D:** Provide fringe benefits for each employee listed based on actual costs incurred in 2016, unless the position is vacant or new. **Please Note: Enter only those fringe amounts that are paid with county funds and do not include employee contributions for health care, retirement etc.**
- COLUMN E:** Determine percent (round to the nearest whole number) of time that each position performs soil and water resource management (SWRM) activities. As described in s. ATCP 50.32(3) (a), this include activities under this chapter, ch. 91, Stats., and s. 93.90, Stats., the CREP program, and projects funded by DNR under ss. 281.65 and 281.66, Stats., and activities related to DNR notices of discharge under ch. NR 243. Additional restrictions as described above apply to the first position. Not all activities listed in a county's approved Land and Water Resource Management Plans may qualify.
- COLUMN F:** Locked Formula
- COLUMN G:** Locked Formula
- 5) Check to see if the total eligible costs (Column F) are correctly tabulated by **manually adding** Columns C and D and multiplying the result by Column E.
- 6) Please leave column "G" blank. The spreadsheet automatically calculates the sum of fourth and subsequent positions.

- 7) Since the electronic version of Table 1 is directly linked with Section I, part 2.A. on the grant application form, your staffing grant request is automatically calculated. You may wish to visually confirm that amounts in column F in Table 1 transferred to appropriate locations for the first, second and third positions on the grant application.

Verification and correction of staffing data in Table 1

Counties should exercise great care in verifying the salary and fringe benefit information provided in Table 1. After the grant applications are submitted, a county can only make changes to Table 1 under the following conditions:

Counties have about a month, usually between April 29th and June 15th, to correct the staffing data they submitted with their grant application, and thereby revise their grant application.

Within this period, DATCP will provide each county with a table listing the staffing data upon which the preliminary allocation will be based. If the county concludes that the data is correct, it does not need to take further action. However, if a county determines that the information sent by DATCP is not accurate, the county will need to do the following to correct its original submission:

- a) The county must provide adequate documentation verifying the salary and benefits for the first, second or third position. This documentation may include a payroll documentation breaking down staffing costs for that position on a weekly or monthly basis.
- b) Even though the chief financial officer (CFO) is no longer required to sign the original application, the CFO must certify that the revised salary and benefits are accurate, and must explain the steps the county will institute to avoid providing DATCP inaccurate information on staff salary costs on future grant applications.

If a county does not follow these procedures, DATCP will not adjust the staffing data provided in the original grant application. Following the release of the preliminary allocation, DATCP will not accept requests to modify a county's staffing grant allocation unless the request will result in a reduced staffing grant allocation for the county.

3. DNR Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management Grant Program - Planning

This grant program provides financial assistance for planning projects in urban areas. For a planning project to be eligible for funding, it must currently be in an urban area or one that is projected to be urban within 20 years. An "urban area" is one that meets at least one of these criteria:

1. Has a population density of at least 1,000 people per square mile,
2. Is a commercial land use,
3. Is the non-permitted portion of a privately-owned industrial site, or
4. Is a municipally-owned industrial site (regardless of NR 216 permit requirements).

The cost-share rate is 50 percent for planning projects. The maximum amount that can be awarded for planning projects is \$85,000. This is a reimbursement program; that means project costs must first be paid by the grantee before reimbursement is obtained from the DNR.

The grant application form and instructions for this program are available on the DNR web site at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/UrbanNonpoint.html>

If you apply for these grants, you are no longer required to include the total amounts requested on page 1 of the Joint DATCP/DNR Grant Application for Calendar Year 2018.

Mail the completed application by the postmark deadline directly to:
Ann Hirekatur
DNR, WT/3
101 S. Webster St.
Madison, WI 53703

Applications postmarked no later than April 17, 2017 will be considered for funding.

For questions about DNR UNPS & SW Planning grants, please contact **Ann Hirekatur**, (608) 266-0156, Ann.Hirekatur@wisconsin.gov

SECTION II. COST-SHARE GRANTS

1. DATCP Bond Cost-Share Grants

Note: Your request for DATCP cost-share grants should accurately reflect anticipated need. DATCP will review annual grant requests and transfers for consistency with a county's annual work plan.

A. Overview

- 1) DATCP plans to set aside about 20 percent of available funds to award \$10,000 base grants to each county, and will use data in its possession to make additional awards to counties based on the following criteria
 - a. A 3-year cumulative under-spending percentage (50%).
 - b. Ag Census land in farms by acres based on most recent available data (20%).
 - c. A 3-year cumulative total dollar amount spent on cost-shared practices (10%).

Note: The anticipated percent of total funding available in each category is shown in parenthesis but DATCP may vary these percentages when making awards.
- 2) To apply for funding, counties should enter the dollar amount of their request in Section II, line no. 1 of the joint grant application.

2. DATCP SEG Cost-Share Grants

A. Overview

- 1) Assuming the ATCP 50 rule revision becomes effective, DATCP will reimburse at the higher rate of \$10 per acre per year over four years, but will only reimburse at this rate if the farmer develops a nutrient management plans in accordance with the NRCS 590 standard (Dec. 2015).
- 2) Applicants will be ranked using a 100 point scale based on the following four criteria (maximum point totals are listed for each category):
 - a. 15 points based on whether the county has any claimants for farmland preservation program (FPP) tax credits in the most recent tax year. DATCP will rely on Department of Revenue data for 2016 FPP payments (for tax year 2015), a copy of which is attached to this application.
 - b. 10 points based on the existence of one or more Agricultural Enterprise Areas within the county.

- c. 60 points based on the number of NM checklists or similar documentation submitted to DATCP in 2016 for farmers located in the county. To receive credit for 2016 checklist submissions, DATCP must have received these submissions by September 15, 2016. (Questions specific to NM Checklists contact **Sue Porter**, 608-224-4605, Sue.Porter@Wisconsin.gov)
 - d. 15 points based on the county's record in spending or committing at least 80% of its 2016 SEG funds.
- 3) To apply for funding, counties should enter the dollar amount of their request in Section II, line 2. The joint grant application no longer requires that you include your calculations based on the number acres cost-shared at a specific rate; however, in making your request, you should account for the following:
- a. Funds required to cost-share nutrient management plans as determined by the number of acres to be cost-shared multiplied by the four-year cost-share rate for each acre. For example, at the new rate of \$10 per acre per year, a county would need \$40,000 dollars to cost-share 1,000 acres. If a county will cost-share nutrient management plans at different rates, the county should perform separate calculations using each different rate multiplied by the number acres cost-shared at that rate, and then combine these results to determine the funds needed.
 - b. Funds to implement cover crop and other "soft" practices to support other nutrient management. In funding "soft" practices you should follow the requirements in ATCP 50 and cost-sharing policies (see note below).

USES OF SEG FUNDS FOR PRACTICES OTHER THAN NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

- **Cropping practices to support a nutrient management plan**

Without prior approval from DATCP, a county may use a limited portion of its award (cumulative expenditures may not exceed 25 percent of a county's annual cost-share allocation) if the following conditions are met:

- The landowner agrees to remain in compliance with the soil erosion control standard (NR 151.02) and the nutrient management standard (NR 151.08) for as long as the land is farmed;
- The landowner submits a nutrient management plan checklist covering the cropland where the soft practice is installed; and
- The county documents that cover crop or other cost-shared "soft" practices are required to meet "T" or other requirement of the NRCS 590 standard, and is the most cost-effective approach to meeting the NRCS 590 requirement.

- **Select conservation practices for counties with 75% or more of their cropland covered by nutrient management plans**

If a county has 75 percent or more of cropland covered by nutrient management plans, it may qualify for DATCP approval to use SEG funds to cost-share select practices including grassed waterways, manure storage and other bondable practices. **A limit of 50% of a county's 2018 allocated SEG dollars can be used for this purpose.** To secure DATCP approval for the support practice, a county must submit the following before signing the cost-share contract with a landowner or operator:

- An unsigned cost-share contract identifying the practices to be installed and the DATCP cost-share dollars needed to cost-share the practices;
- Documentation in the form of a completed nutrient management plan checklist establishing that the cost-shared practices will be installed on a farm that has a nutrient management plan; and
- An explanation of why SEG funding is needed to cost-share the identified practices. The county should explain why other funds (including DATCP bond funds) are not available and the resource concern or priority the cost-shared practice is designed to address.

The signed DATCP approval will need to be submitted to obtain reimbursement for the practices. Questions regarding this change to NM support practices can be directed to **Sara Walling**, 608-224-4501 or sara.walling@wi.gov.

3. & 4. DNR Funding for Targeted Runoff Management Projects and Urban NPS & Storm Water Management BMP Construction Projects

Apply for the following DNR grants using the grant application form and instructions available at the listed websites:

- a) *Targeted Runoff Management Grant Program*, <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/TargetedRunoff.html> (Hold down the CTRL key and click on the web address).
- b) *Urban Nonpoint Source & Storm Water Management Grant Program – BMP Construction applications are not available for Calendar Year 2018 funding. The next available grant cycle for UNPS Construction projects will be for Calendar Year 2019 funding. Applications will be posted on the DNR web site (<http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/UrbanNonpoint.html>) on January 15, 2018.*
- c) If you apply for these grants, you are no longer required to include the total amounts requested on page 1 of the Joint DATCP/DNR Grant Application for Calendar Year 2018.

For questions about DNR grants, please contact **Ann Hirekatur**, (608) 266-0156, Ann.Hirekatur@wisconsin.gov

SECTION III. FINANCIAL AND OTHER DATCP REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A. Financial Report of County LCD Expenditures For 2016

Counties should complete the following steps:

1. Enter the total amount of all LCD expenditures in 2016. Enter all expenditures administered by the LCD, including staff salaries and fringe benefits, other LCC and LCD operating costs, cost-sharing expenditures (e.g., NPS watershed projects, county cost-share programs, etc.) and any other expenditures regardless of the source of funding.
2. Enter the total expenditure from all non-county sources of revenue. Include revenues from DATCP, DNR TRM, DNR Wildlife Damage Control, USDA NRCS, foundations, EQIP, etc.
3. This box is locked because it contains a formula. It subtracts Line 2 from Line 1 and the amount on this line should reflect funding from county sources, such as levies and fees.
4. Enter the actual amount of salary and fringe benefits paid from budgeted county source funds. (Line 4 cannot exceed line 3.)

B. Funding for 2016 County Staff

When reporting the number of 2016 staff supported by different funding sources (County, DATCP SWRM, Other), report all persons working on soil and water conservation including FTEs, LTEs, and Independent Contractors (ICs). A person working 2,080 hours per year, should be counted as 1 staff, unless the person performs non-conservation work. For example, if a person works 2,080 hours per year and spends 50% of his or her time on outside work such as zoning or parks, then this person should be only counted as 0.5 staff. Similarly, if a person was hired for only 1,040 hours per year, then that person should only be counted as 0.5 staff.

The total number of staff should be equal to or close to equal to the sum of FTEs, LTEs and ICs listed in Table 1. *(The Total Box is locked because it contains a formula.)*

C. 2017 Work Plan

All counties applying for DATCP funds must submit a work plan by April 17, 2017 that accurately describes their planned activities for 2017. DATCP has revised the template based on county input provided in 2016. Counties may comply with this requirement by submitting a 2017 work plan with LWRM plan revisions.

If you have questions regarding this process, you may contact **Lisa Trumble** at 608-224-4617, Lisa.Trumble@wisconsin.gov

D. 2016 Annual Report

REMINDER: To be eligible for 2018 funding, your county must electronically complete your 2016 Annual Report in accordance with separate instructions provided by DATCP. If you have questions regarding this process, you may contact **Coreen Fallat**, 608-224-4625, Coreen.Fallat@wisconsin.gov

OTHER BOND FUNDING FOR CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

DNR and DATCP NOD/NOI Funding

DATCP and DNR have set aside funds in a separate reserves for cost-sharing projects intended to resolve discharges on farms, primarily those farms issued notices of discharge and notices of intent.

To apply for these funds, counties must use an application process separate from this application. Go to the DNR website for additional information, <http://dnr.wi.gov/Aid/NOD.html> *(Hold down the CTRL key and click on the web address).*

The first round of applications is due April 17th of each year. Up to three additional grant rounds may be available per year. See the DNR website for the annual schedule.

DATCP and DNR make joint decisions on the award of funds for projects that will resolve discharges.

Contact DNR Representative **Mike Gilbertson**, Mike.Gilbertson@Wisconsin.gov, 608) 267-7628 or DATCP Representative **Scott Karel**, Scott.Karel@wisconsin.gov, 608 224-4604.

SEG FUNDING FOR COOPERATORS AND OTHER CONSERVATION PROGRAMMING

Sec. ATCP 50.35, Wis. Admin. Code, establishes the procedures for the award and administration of grant funds to recipients whose activities and projects further Chapter 92 goals, including information, education, and training. Sec. ATCP 50.35(3) specifically allows for a one-year extension of funded projects to enable grant recipients to spend unused funds and complete work required by a project.

DATCP will be offering funding for nutrient management farmer education, and “statewide” nutrient management implementation support, and parties interested in these grants should apply using DATCP approved application materials. DATCP will continue to accept funding requests for unspecified cooperator projects, and this year continues to focus on projects that support training.

In an effort to increase accountability among grant recipients, DATCP will require more detailed activity tracking and reporting.

A. Nutrient Management Farmer Education (NMFE) Grants

1. Overview

- a) The NMFE Program will offer two funding tiers with a \$20,000 maximum award for Tier 1 and a \$2,500 maximum for Tier 2. DATCP plans to make sufficient funds available to award grants to all applicants that meet basic grant requirements.
 - i. Tier 1 projects offer extensive grant support (including payments for soil testing and incentive payments for farmer participation) to deliver a training program that enables farmers to develop or update nutrient management plans meeting the NRCS 590 standard (Dec. 2015) and facilitates compliance with state soil and water conservation standards.
 - ii. Tier 2 projects educate farmers about soil testing and nutrient management planning principles and practices without requiring that farmers develop a NRCS 590 Nutrient Management Plan.
- b) To learn about eligibility and other grant requirements, entities interested in this funding should review the instructions and application materials available at separate DATCP website dedicated to the NMFE program, https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/NMFEGrants.aspx.
- c) Contact **Rachel Rushmann**, 608 224-4622, Rachel.Rushmann@wisconsin.gov, with questions or to submit application materials.

B. Grants for Nutrient Management Statewide Implementation Support

1. Overview

- a) DATCP will continue to make funding available for applicants who demonstrate a “statewide” capacity to accomplish one or both the following: (1) Maintain and improve the Soil Nutrient Application Program –Plus (SNAP-Plus); (2) Expand and support nutrient management planning through education, outreach and project implementation.
- b) Specific requirements and conditions for these grant awards, including the maximum amount provided for each grant, are spelled out in separate application materials, which can be

downloaded from this DATCP website,
https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SWRMGrantProgramWorkingManual.aspx
Contact **Sara Walling**, 608-224-4501, Sara.Walling@Wisconsin.gov with questions.

C. Other Project Cooperator Grants

1. Overview

- a) DATCP makes annual awards to cooperators for projects that provide “statewide” support or other unique benefits that enhance our state conservation delivery system. Historically, DATCP has provided funding to cooperators for technical standards development and training support. DATCP continues to focus on training support for conservation staff and support, and for 2018 this now includes efforts to provide information, education and training in an AEA as part of a collaborative partnership initiative.

Funding for cooperators is designed to achieve these goals: (a) provide a cost-effective approach to addressing and resolving high priority problems (i.e. nonpoint and groundwater pollution), (b) ensure a systematic and comprehensive approach to address soil erosion and water quality problems such nonpoint runoff or groundwater concerns, (c) contribute to a coordinated soil and water resource management program and avoid duplication of effort, and (d) help meet county soil and water resource management needs and state program requirements.

- b) There is no formal application to request funding in this category. Requests for funding must be submitted no later than April 17th of the year prior to the start date of the project, and should include all of the following as part of an application:
- A realistic request for funding consistent with prior awards provided by DATCP for similar projects in this funding category.
 - A description of the project that includes an appropriate work plan describing planned activities with anticipated outcomes that can be measured.
 - A justification that explains how the proposed project will meet one or more of the funding goals listed in a) above.
- c) For questions about funding opportunities, contact **Richard Castelnovo**, 608-224-4608, Richard.Castelnovo@Wisconsin.gov. To submit an application, e-mail your proposal requesting funding and accompanying documents to **Kim Carlson**, Kim.Carlson@Wisconsin.gov.

Appendix A

FARMLAND CREDITS BY COUNTY						
Payments in state FY16 primarily for tax year 2015 claims						
County	Old Law - Schedule FPC			New Law - Schedule FPC-A		
	No of Claims	\$ Amount of Credit	Acreage	No of Claims	\$ Amount of Credit	Acreage
ADAMS	s	s	s	m	m	m
ASHLAND	s	s	s	s	s	s
BARRON	29	24,486	6,825	213	362,570	47,940
BAYFIELD	s	s	s	s	s	s
BROWN	37	13,869	6,053	547	599,539	78,532
BUFFALO	29	33,945	9,203	s	s	s
BURNETT	s	s	s	m	m	m
CALUMET	s	s	s	220	272,930	35,332
CHIPPEWA	12	4,849	2,127	16	16,144	2,393
CLARK	15	12,596	3,117	177	253,559	38,352
COLUMBIA	59	34,680	9,836	654	990,210	130,384
CRAWFORD	26	28,518	7,632	66	106,939	14,478
DANE	168	84,253	23,833	1,198	1,596,725	209,173
DODGE	77	69,010	11,769	491	689,184	88,625
DOOR	m	m	m	39	37,623	4,963
DOUGLAS	s	s	s	s	s	s
DUNN	15	12,809	3,734	55	116,133	14,831
EAU CLAIRE	11	9,702	1,754	168	282,771	37,036
FLORENCE	s	s	s	s	s	s
FOND DU LAC	62	34,307	7,731	760	1,096,430	144,766
FOREST	s	s	s	s	s	s
GRANT	58	26,311	10,624	408	720,233	96,020
GREEN	48	37,312	10,323	58	66,078	9,179
GREEN LAKE	14	8,957	4,906	177	278,128	37,279
IOWA	39	25,860	9,489	586	1,023,401	135,695
JACKSON	s	s	s	s	s	s
JEFFERSON	15	6,308	1,496	563	711,004	93,362
JUNEAU	s	s	s	s	s	s
KENOSHA	s	s	s	m	m	m
KEWAUNEE	62	29,500	9,826	449	573,650	76,322
LA CROSSE	16	8,086	3,045	210	365,723	47,224
LAFAYETTE	35	30,921	7,230	259	457,230	58,971
LANGLADE	s	s	s	167	329,989	37,097
LINCOLN	s	s	s	s	s	s
MANITOWOC	49	26,449	7,112	661	803,113	106,241
MARATHON	46	26,449	8,819	182	304,324	40,880

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Payments in state FY16 primarily for tax year 2015 claims

County	Old Law - Schedule FPC			New Law - Schedule FPC-A		
	No of Claims	\$ Amount of Credit	Acreage	No of Claims	\$ Amount of Credit	Acreage
MARINETTE	s	s	s	s	s	s
MARQUETTE	s	s	s	29	66,007	8,482
MILWAUKEE	s	s	s	11	10,502	1,388
MONROE	16	9,653	2,957	16	28,866	4,389
OCONTO	12	6,973	1,896	m	m	m
ONEIDA	s	s	s	s	s	s
OUTAGAMIE	29	11,495	3,277	319	383,161	50,546
OZAUKEE	25	8,129	3,172	63	77,064	10,191
PEPIN	11	6,272	3,002	m	m	m
PIERCE	16	14,829	3,297	17	21,969	2,951
POLK	m	m	m	12	18,598	3,110
PORTAGE	m	m	m	18	20,207	2,693
PRICE	s	s	s	s	s	s
RACINE	s	s	s	26	31,692	4,133
RICHLAND	40	28,144	9,276	292	521,337	68,441
ROCK	40	27,420	4,753	545	874,942	114,098
RUSK	s	s	s	s	s	s
ST CROIX	17	11,632	4,266	125	176,914	23,348
SAUK	45	31,136	8,062	377	595,486	78,658
SAWYER	s	s	s	s	s	s
SHAWANO	36	20,925	6,878	226	271,662	35,769
SHEBOYGAN	62	30,360	6,957	344	445,546	59,169
TAYLOR	s	s	s	s	s	s
TREMPEALEAU	83	55,104	16,589	18	22,880	3,085
VERNON	36	27,728	6,396	104	137,709	17,794
VILAS	s	s	s	s	s	s
WALWORTH	21	10,239	3,480	268	386,904	49,545
WASHBURN	s	s	s	s	s	s
WASHINGTON	21	5,705	3,138	50	60,189	7,920
WAUKESHA	26	12,453	4,281	53	69,110	8,829
WAUPACA	15	8,685	2,081	124	198,911	26,400
WAUSHARA	s	s	s	m	m	m
WINNEBAGO	23	5,625	3,658	78	95,521	12,423
WOOD	m	m	m	13	24,065	3,351
Total	1,630	1,042,051	291,772	11,746	17,014,924	2,238,286